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## Paetry.

The Maine Law.

Tuns-Lucy NEAL.

Come all ye friends of Temperance
And listen to my strain,
I'll tell you how old Alchy fares
Down in the State of Meine.
There's one Naza. Dow, a Portland man,
With great and noble soul,
Who framed a law without a flaw,
To banish Alcohol.
Hurch for the State

Hurrah for the State of Maine, The noble State of Maine; She loads the van of the tempe The noble State of Maine.

This great Maine Law, with its huge paw,
Has laid the rummies low,
Their brandy kegs and demijohus
Do helter skelter go.
It makes the "critter" bits the dist,
And not the sculs of men,
And bids the wender of the stuff
Work for some noble end, Hurrah for the State of Maine, &c.

The complicated License laws
We've had so long in vogue,
Are nothing more than playthings.
Por the lawyer and the rogue.
They'll twist and turn them at their will,
To suit their wicked plan,
And leave unwhipped of justice, all
The secondrels of the land.

Hurrah for the State of Maine, &c. But this great law of which I sing, Has wonder-working powers-Just get it in our restaus-Book, The victory is ours.

The Lawyers they can't quibble round
Its language plain and clear,
It will "clear the track," of the runmy pack
If we adopt it here.

Hurrah for the State of Maine, &c. So now good Some or RECHAR, and

So now good Sons of Rechas, and Washingtonians too, Gird on your armor for the fight, And put the Mains Law through ! And let this Empire, daughter Of brave old Undle Sam. Be first to back up sister Mains In this new Temperance plan. Hurrah for the State of Maine, &c.

## Miscellaneous.

Somebody in the Cask.

Quite an exciting scene, says a recent number of the Cleveland Herald, occurred at one of our wharves, yesterday.

The hands on one of our steamers were engaged in rolling off a cask, when, to the

consternation and surprise of the persons engaged in performing that operation, a Roll it easy, these darned nails hurt I'd rather pay my passage than stand all Holding up their hands, their visuals ex-

the size of two saucers, the two nded to laborers exclaimed— That beats the d-1." The mate coming up at this moment, and unaware of the cause of the delay, commenced cursing them for their dilatoriness, when from within, the voice again came

You're nobody; let me out of this cask."
"What's that ?" said the voice: "I want

"Up end that cask," said the voice. I want to get out—I won't stand this any longer!"
"Up end that cask," said the mate.
"Oh, don't—you'll kill me!" said the voice. "These darned nails prick me. voice. "These darsed naus price me. Look out I don't!" again said the casked-up

individual, as the men were turning it over.
"Cooper," said the mate, "unhead this cask and take out that man." As the adze sundered the hoops, and the head was coming out, the voice again broke

"Be easy, now! is there any one about? I don't want to be caught!"

Quite a crowd had now gathered around the "scene of action," when, to the utter astonishment of the bystanders, a loud gut-tural laugh broke forth, which made our hair stand on end, and the cask was found

filled with bacon What does it mean ?" says one. "It really beats my time," said the mate.
We enjoyed the joke too well to "blow,"
as we walked off arm-in-arm with the
Fakir of Siva," the ventriloquist and ma-

PRACTICAL MEN .- Prosy old gentlemen who think that James Watt was a greater genius than Shakespears, and that the only motive which should more society is the Loco-motive. It was such a man who once said of Milton's "Paradise Lost," that it "was a very good book, but it didn't prove anything." Practical men are useful, but like cook stoves and Bentham, they are shockingly utiliarian; and like a tailor, see much more beauty in a lot of "esbbage," than in all the rose bushes that ever grew.

BF The convention of Irlah associations in New

Witchcraft in Olden Time.

for their belief in witchcraft, and the fearful tragedies which were enacted in conse-quence of entertaining such a belief, forget that in this respect they were not singular— for a belief in witchcraft was almost unithe 15th and 16th centuries, the belief in astrology, magic, and witchcraft was general throughout all Europe. That period may be regarded as the epoch of magicians, sorcerers, exorcists, and inquisitors. From the year 1448, the belief in magic began to play a very important part in the affairs of Europe, and during upwards of two centuries we read of frequent and most two centuries we read of frequent and most but at length, wearied by excitement, and "gidhorrible stake murders. During this time," dy from excess of light," he sauntered into an an infatuation-a monomania seemed to apartment secred to the worship of Mammon,

an infatuation—a monomania seemed to have seized the people—many pretended to exercise the art of witchcraft, and had to pay a fearful penalty for their conduct.

It is stated by Del Rio, that in three months of the year 1515, five hundred per sons were executed at Geneva, for holding converse with evil spirits. Upwards of a thousand perished in this way in the diocese of Como, and on an average, a hundred were executed there annually. In France, the number of executions is scarcely credible. We read of 1200 persons being converses and they intended to convey, we correct curvelves and aphatisute in lieu thereofcredible. We read of 1200 persons being accused of dealing in forbidden things at one time, and the records of the parliaments of Bordeaux, Paris, and Rouen, are filled with accounts of such trials. Germany, too, exhibited an equally lamentable picture of human credulity and persecution. sions there were 157 persons, accused of witchcraft, burnt at the stake! It is esstablished that during the two years, from 1627 to 1629, nearly 10,000 persons were condemned to death in Germany, for witcheraft and sorcery. It was at the commencement of the 18th century that the epidemic madness, known as Vampirism, appeared in Germany .- Boston Journal

Manufacture of Spider's Webs.

In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, an ingenious artisan succeeded in procuring a sufficient quantity of spider's webs to manufacture a pair of stockings, which were facture a pair of stockings, which were presented to her majesty, who condescended to wear them on some public occasion. They were of a light grey color, soft, and almost as elastic as a spiral spring. Hopes

Tractoned without his heart, for tescond decime the was no match for his noisy opponent; and 'he shining Napotous which he carelessly placed upon the table, soon made their way into the gosset of his exulting antagonist.

That the play was perfectly fair, he both felt walked around to communicate with him. were ardently entertained by naturalists of and saw, but the success of the opposite party that age, from the success of the hose experiment, of discovering a mode of syste-matizing the web-spinning propensities of these pugnacious insects, after the manner of silk worms, with a view to profit. Various plans were resorted to, and every scheme devised to induce them to labor in concert, but all to no purpose; they would never commence throwing either warp or woof till nearly famished by hunger, nor then, unless they are warned of the pre-sence of flies. When numbers were caged sence of files. When numbers were caged together, in a place constructed upon what were considered philosophical principles, instead of improving their time, according to the anxious wishes of their contriving captors, they fell to devouring each other the cruelest warfare imaginable-as total extermination seemed to be an object of the victors. A madness was induced by captivity, as the slaughter had no reference to satisfying individual hunger. At last, a to satisfying individual nunger. At last, a solitary spider remained, in one instance, sole master of the premises, having fought his way through hundreds as blood-thirsty as himself. Like the last man, he surveyed the multitude of dead; and, if spiders ever reason, that one must have felt the utter desolateness of its condition. Since then, no attempts have been made to compel spi ders to become the servants of man: they are highly useful in the particular sphere in which they were expressly designed to act, viz: in limiting the multiplication of small winged insects; but beyond their instinctive business, they can never be taught or compelled to spin their silk .- Scientific

To live perfectly unsuspected at Vienna, it would not be sufficient to possess a proud and ancient title, and to be well known as a thorough-going aristocrat; for man is an inconsistent animal, and dukes and marquises have been known to turn out very radicals. The greatest certainty would lie in being deaf, dumb and blind; or at least in a condition similar to that of certain Prussian philosopher, who had labored so hard in study, thought and writ-ten so much, devoted himself with such ardor to science, that his physical strength gave way under the constant attrition of his indefatigable mental energy, and he be-came so ill and feeble, that his life was at one time thought in danger. At length, after a whole course of medicine, and an inconceivable multitude of remedies, which his watchings and intellectual labors rendered perfectly useless, his physicians told him that they could do nothing for him—

die he must-unless he gave up study, and abstained from thinking.

"And where shall I go, then; what shall I do, if I must not think?" said the patient.

"Go!" answered the medical gentlemen;

go to Austria. "Thereupon, a passport for Vienna was procured, on which was written, in a bold, plain hand: "H. A., pricate gentleman, commanded by his physiciens not to think;" and when he arrived at Vienna, and the policeofficers read the inscription, the gates were opened wide, and a guard of honer turned out for his reception

BBoyd's City Post, in New York, received on Day in the usual manner of the Sons of Erin. Saturday, for distribution, 36,000

ach ris, which can scarcely fall to interest our read-ear-ers, and its truth may be relied upon. A young diplomatist of family and fortune, whose handsome person, winning manners, and unaltera-ble amiability, had insured to him that populosite de salon, where the music of Musard, and the mysteries of high play, divided the attensalons were throughd. For a time M. ds—soffered himself to be engrossed by the goddenses of the ball-room; and to many a charming coquette and jewelled matron poured forth his offerings of homage with the devotion for which he had been celebrated from his first entree in-

HOW TO PAY A DEST OF HONOR.

imply what they intended to convey, we cor-rect ourselves, and substitute in lieu thereof-with his tailor's bills. Thus, then, M. de soon became an actor in the busy scene; and drawing off his spotless gloves, and advancing a chair which stood temptingly beside a small tapicture of human credulity and persecution.

At Wartzburg, in 1627, during a space of two months and a half, there were twenty-nine successive auto-da fee—on which occagames of chance which may be practised en tete a tete. Never were two individuals more

the eards were matter of more importance than the man, and the two antagonists at once pro-

ceeded to business.
Our here, who had predently provided for exigencies of this nature, had unfortunately "reckoned without his host," for it soon became and when he had exhausted his purse, he still resolved to persevere, feeling convinced that some sadden turn of fortune must soon enable him to redeem his ill-tack. He consequently explained to his antagonist that he had no more money about him, but he was ready to continue the struggle on parole, a proposition which was immediately accepted, and the game was renewed as energetically as ever, with the same unaccountable result. Prosperity had, however, tended to overcome the good-breeding of his brother adversary, who became so much elated at the golden harvest which he continued to resp from the pertinacity of our hero, that his exultation grew wordy and noisy, and attracted a crowd of idlers about the table.

"And nevertheless," he shouted, as he possess himself of stake after stake, which he care fully scored against his victim; "nevertheless, Monsieur is a perfect master of the game! Yet you see, gentlemen, that he cannot stand against my lucky star."

The spectators acquiesced and marvelled, and still the struggle continued. M. de ---, who found it infinitely more easy to support the ill-timed hilarity of his companion, made no reply to the vain bossting by which his losses were ag-gravated, but he was a gentleman, and resolved not to afford the fortunate gamester the triamph of perceiving that he had ruffled his temper.— Suddenly, however, the happy winner wared more facetious than ever; and while recording each separate and additional gain, said with a nucking laugh, which excoriated the nerves of

his antagonist—
"Again, my dear Monsieur! You may write home to your family."

contrived to control his annoyance, and persist-ed in playing until the party broke up, when he rose a debtor of a thousand crowns, in addition to the contents of his purse, to his unmanner-

y adversary.
"To-morrow, Monsienr," he said with studied courtesy, "this little affair shall be settled, and I will then trust to a future oppriunity for my

His creditor laughed loudly once more, re-turned his parting bow, and o'r hero threw himself into his cab, considerably suffled by he events of the evening. On entering his apartment, a packet was placed in his hand, and he found himself diected by his chof to leave Paris on the follow-

of his late opponent. "I have occasionally last larger sums," he

meampanied by a minute note; after which was informed that un Monsieur en cabriolet had left the articles in question, to which to answer was required. The recipient opened he note and read as follows:

"Mossigue—Unexpectedly compelled by di-logatic business to leave Paris within a few sours, I hasten to egocel the obligation incurred owards yourself last evening. I do not send covaries yourself has evening. I do not send specie, but value, as from your own lips I was cashied to gather the predominant sentiment of your mind. Thus, Monsieur, anxious to meet your exemplary and praiseworthy principle, so untiringly pressed upon me during the few hours in which I was honored by your society, I have endeavored to meet, what must, I am convened under the circumstances.

broated vest, with a sarrow rim ranging around the neck, stiff as a shingle; then altered by in-sering sleeves shirt-fashior, into the shoulders -the garment being buttoned up 'chuck' in front with small brass bettons. Between the tity remaining growing smaller and smaller till it reached some six inches from the red untanned shows that covered the pedal extremities, as sight at loose rubber garrers. A tallow comdoned countenance, grey eyes, and you have

> and noticing the engineer getting up steam. Onesa this 'ere's a 'magin fast critter of

granted the engineer, not disposed to alarge his circle of acquaintance by the Ches Never kicks cout or the brecchin"."

or rars nor pitches, nor nothin of the sott. Well," old hoss, I guess yern'll never di

om wastin' yer breath, far ye keep yer rusty oll mouth as close as an ister. Ye'r don't pre-tend to say this 'ere ugly lookin' consern can run fast. Je-mi-ma, ef yeon'd seen my broth-eds wifes, ancle skeet, yer would'nt think it. warn't a primin two what he did one nite grows here, and is used in more shapes and in with a ghost." engin with a phost "-

Here the engineer opened the safety-valve, in lose proximity to the coon skin, which suddenly ppeared, thus breaking the thread of the chost story its proprietor soon making his enapied by a black chambermaid.

"Gemman's cabin next door; no gemman lowed in 'ere without ladies," said the darky engry at the intrusion of such a looking man into "Aint a gowin tew tetch nothin," jest wanted

to examine the critter. What's them ac?, pointing to the old state rooms. For de ladies berfs, sar." · How many her yer got?" Bout thirty, sah.

"Whar's the wimen folks?" "On de deck, sah." Thirty births a year, I 'spose-what a fine place for a doctor tew settle in—lots ov sickness meng so menny," soliloquized be, while he stock his head into a stateroom to see the accommodatious. "A real narrer contracted, tucked an consarn, the folks up in our kentry would'nt live in sich a tite, narrer contracted naberhood." During this solilinuy the chambermaid opened

the door into the gentlemen's cabin.
"Sah, gemmens de like ob you ain't 'lowed in yer must go from here quicker dan mediately.

He saunted out of the door, asking as it was slammed shut in his face, if there was a regular doctor settled in that neighborhood, which interrogatory not receiving a response, perambu naking observations and inquiries, much to the masement of a crowd of passengers, and none fore so than that of a double-refined, patent elestic, made to order (by a tailor) dandy, who with his little sickly goatee, and bigger sicklier moustache, performed soap-locks, standing shirt collar, rising like two side boards, to fence in ing day with important despatches. This was vexations enough, as it terminated all hope of the revenge which he had eagerly anticipated, and he accordingly resolved to davies some other method of diminishing the arrogent satisfaction little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little heeled boots, and goose necked cane with his little areas to be a second to s puppy's head on it, could in ing nearly as much brains as the head of the owner—was cutting quite a swell, dem ning overything for not be-

The Yankes quick drew himself back in imi-ation of his opposite jueighbor, and in a nasal one called out. "Yeon darned, all-fired, dab-rabited, pesky

looking little tarnal black niggar, fetch me a peck ov corn, a bundle ov fodder, and rab me down with a brickbat while I feed."

suspender buttons, and was troubled with open countenance an hour afterwards. Yankee made the trip with a chalked hat.

An Apology for Tobacco-

the great men in the nation use it. Henry Clay without frequently seeing each other, have not sunifs. Joe Marshall chews, John Van Buren met for years, and strangers have taken their smokes, and John Quincy Adams used to do all places.
three, but quit, and—died!
Tobacco cures the tooth-sche—ask any smoker if it don't—and one young enthusiastic ex-

are the leaders of taste, and the fountain of fashion, the best of mathematicians and most skilful surgeons. Tobacco produces refinement and elegance, profound reasoning and steadiness of nerve. English sailors all chew, and their honesty, courage and generosity are pro-verbial. Tubacco causes the fullest developement of all the noble feelings. Indians endure torture with more firmness than all the stoics from Zeno to Cato. Tobacco infuses a lefty contempt of death. Americans chew. smoke, and souff, and Americans by universal conces-Far see he run again time, and tew beat, he run sion combine all the good qualities of all other nations, and possess besides, an ingenuity macked, so that when he cam cout at the coad of the race, he was clean ball-headed—fact—but can only be attributed to the fact that tobacco

An English King wrote s "counterblast to to He hated it most cordially-and he was the firmest believe in the "jure divino" of all the Kings from William the Conqueror to William the Fourth. A belief in the divine right of Kings, a most slavish doctrine, and hared to tobacco always go together. The English aristocracy won't use it—they revile it as disgnating—say it is a plebian practice to use it. Tobacco is the dread of aristocrats.

It was the favorite electioneering tool of Davy Crocket, and a "chaw" will conciliate one o the unwashed quicked than anything but a wink of "red eye." Tobacco is a Democratic insti-tution. A dandy will ask a cub-tailor for a cigar light—wealth will spit in the same box with poverty—and dignity and dirt must sneeze alike if they snuff. Tobacco is a leveler of distinctions.

No true patriot and republican with an aver age allowance of brains ever opposed it. Gree-ley says hard things of it, but Greeley is a radi-cal and an enthusiast. He opposes slavery, and hanging, and liquor drinking, and all the glorions institution that our revolutionary forefathers fought, bled and all that sort of thing, for.

Dickens laughs at it, but he is an English ar istocrat, and of course contemns any favorite of the Democracy. "Seneca" abuse it, but Seneca is a twaddler, and would't have made a bad igure in the Dunciad.

But this is not all. Since the introduction f tobacco into the Eastern continent, Popery har declined, Science has improved, Literature has been more generally diffused, and we have no doubt but that the whole system of Inductive Philosophy owes its origin to this invaluable vegetable. Until about three hundred years go, the world had puzzled itself with the subtleties of the schoolmen, the chimeras of the alchemists, the absurdities of astrologers-they had educed nothing practical-invented nothing apaleo. The line of stages is to connect with useful. Sir Walter Raleigh introduced tobacco—then, and not until then Bacon conceived and published his system of Philosophy, and the New York, in twenty-five days. world was many steps father in its progress. Ex-perimental philiosophy is a result of tobacco.

It is said that it stunts the growth and injure the health of the unfortunate individual addiced to it. We know better. We have as exten-aire development and as good health as any man and we use it habitaally and from prac-

6.7 An old "revolutioner" says that of all he seleme bours he ever saw, that occupied in coins home one dark night from the widow Bean's after being told by her daughter Sally that he needn't come again, was the most so.

Who has ever casually opened a box or a bud-get of old letters; addressed to one's self, and began to read, without being chained to the spot, perhaps for hours together. The fascinations of those early loved ones, so near and dear, again surround you, and the realities of the past seem Men cessed to think of masticating, while an uproarious yell arose which fairly shook the of the present. The counsels and chidings, and the affections and chidings, and the residue of the present. The counsels and chidings, and the residue of the pass seem or uproarious yell arose which fairly shook the of the present. The counsels and chidings, and the residue of the pass seem or uproarious yell arose which fairly shook the of the present. The counsels and chidings, and the residue of the pass seem or uproarious yell arose which fairly shook the of the present. The counsels and chidings, and the residue of the present. deep and tender feeling, scarcely relized when the reception of all. And then the little items pen countenance an hour afterwards.

The dandy waited for the next boat, while the tation to visit and sometimes to be present in scenes of interest, remind you of youth, and love, and, beauty, which has passed away. Then comes, too, the motion of the dead of those

An Apology for TobaccoExcepting slavery and liquor, nothing has evof been so virulently and universally abused as
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trip, a queer-looking biped might have been sees wending his way towards the boat "tote-fends it. Charles Lemb tried his hand at a sort special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of special appearance of the rising scholar, (now a man of specia space not."

We use tobacco—we love it, we avow it. Half and those who thought existence scarce could be,

A Shrewd Reply.

ker if it dou't—and one young cathusiastic expressed his carnest conviction that it was good for corns. Robinson Crusoc, when he got sick, chewed it, amade it, and drank a decetion of it in rum, and got well.

Every wit at Will's coffee-house from Dry. doe to Sadwell smoked. Tobacco is a proventive of wit. The Scotch all snull, and the Scotch are remarkable for their acuteness and subtlety of their metaphysics and the rigidity of their righteousness. Tobacco is a promoter of metaphysics and morals. The Germans smoke and the Germans sacel the world in the extent and minuteness of their Biblical and Classical research, their persevering application and speculative philos phy. Tebacco nourishes

and speculative philos phy. Tebarco nourishes learning, speculation and perseverance. The gree, memory, judgment, and combination, French souff and smoke both, and the French can be at the same time deranged in his understanding?

"I am no card player," said the doctor, with great address, "but I have read in history that cards were invented for the amusement of an insane king."

The consequences of this reply were

YOUR BABIES NOT MY BABIES .- About thirtyfive years ago, there resided in the town of He bron, in this county, a certain Dr. T. who he. come very much enamored of a beautiful young lady who resided in the same town. In due course of time they were engaged to be mar-ried. The doctor was a strong and decided Presbyterian, and his lady-love a strong and decided Baptist. They were sitting together one even-ing talking of their approaching nuptials, when the doctor remarked—
"I am thinking,my dear, of two events which

shall number amongst the happiest of my life."
"And pray what may that be doctor?" remarked the lady." "One is the hour when I shall call you wife

for the first time.' "And the other?" "It is when we shall present our first-born

for baptism."
"What, sprinkled?"

"Yes, my dear, sprinkled."
"Never shall a child of mine be sprinkled." "Every child of mine shall be sprinkled. "They shall be, hat" Yes, my love"

"Well, sir, I can tell you, then, that your ba-neaswon't be my babies. So good night, sir," The lady left the room, and the doctor left e house. The sequel to this true story was, that the doctor never married, and the lady is an old maid.—Sandy Hill Herald.

SUBSTITUTE FOR OIL.—Large manufactories of benzule, a hydro-carbon which has the property of producing an excellent illuminating gas by being dissolved in moist air, are going up in N.York and Brooklyn. The substance is manufactured from tar or mineral coal, and while it can be afforded at half the price of the burning fluid" per gallon, it will yield infi-nitely more illumination. The use of it would require a gasometer and gas fixtures in each house, but the cheapness of the consumption will put moveable lamps of every kind nearly out of use.

Col. Ramsay, a Pennsylvanian, who served in with the Mexican government for the transmisfrom California crossing from Vera Cruz to Ac-

IT WON'T ANSWER .- The editor of the New York Tunes, who witnessed the last tests of the fire annihilators, says: A close examination of the experiments made

yesterday, satisfies us that, for practical purposes, the Aunihilator is not of any importance.— If you cage a fire in a close room and apply them, they will undoubtedly do the work; but unless you can so confine the flames, the nonihilator is powerless. Let the fire get fairly through the room and have free went, and it could not be controlled by any apparatus exhibited on Monday.